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1. FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF OUTCOME OF MEETING APRIL 1
AT STATE HOUSE BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS
GARBA, MOGWE AND MWALE, PLUS TANZANIAN UN PERM REP SALIM AND
UK HIGH COMMISSIONER SAM FALLE: (THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION
ONLY. NO ACTION REQUIRED.)

2. NAMIBIA:
--THE FRONT LINE REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED FULL
CONFIDENCE THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD WORK FOR ACCEPTANCE
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BY SWAPO OF THE CONTACT GROUP PORPOSALS AS THEY NOW STAND;
--THE CONTACT GROUP, WITH THE APPROVAL AND SUPPORT OF THE
FRONT LINE, SHOULD PLAN TO PRESENT ITS PROPOSALS IN THE UN
SECURITY COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN APRIL 10;
--IN THE INTERVAL BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL 10; THE CONTACT GROUP
AND THE FRONT LINE GOVERNMENTS SHOULD UNDERTAKE, ON AN URGENT
BASIS, TO LAY THE PROPER GROUNDWORK FOR SECURITY COUNCIL

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSALS;

--WHILE ALL AGREED THAT THE WALVIS BAY ISSUE SHOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR THE TIME BEING, THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED, AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, PUBLICLY TO STATE (A) THAT WALVIS BAY MUST BE A MATTER FOR NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND, (B), THAT IT IS THE UNITED STATES' VIEW THAT WALVIS BAY SHOULD, FOR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND ETHNIC REASONS, BE A PART OF NAMIBIA.

3. RHODESIA: THE FRONT LINE REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IS NOW PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS WITH REGARD TO THE POWERS OF A RESIDENT COMMISSIONER AND THE ROLE OF A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE, AND THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IS PREPARED, FOLLOWING AN ADDITIONAL MEETING WITH THE US AND UK ON "MILITARY MATTERS," TO ATTEND AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING. THE FRONT LINE REPRESENTATIVES ASSURED US THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD PUBLICLY STATE ITS WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND BOTH MEETINGS FOLLOWING AN INVITATION BY THE UK (AND US) TO SUCH MEETINGS. UNDER QUESTIONING, THE FRONT LINE REPRESENTATIVES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WHILE THE PF WOULD NOT CONTINUE TO CONTEST THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY, IT WOULD SEEK SOME ADJUSTMENT IN THE AAP PROPOSALS REGARDING THE POLICE.

4. IN A SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION BETWEEN UK HIGH COMMISSIONER
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FALLE AND SECRETARY VANCE, IT WAS AGREED THAT FALLE WOULD URGENTLY CONTACT DAVID OWEN AND, IF POSSIBLE, SECURE HIS RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE BY 3:00 P.M. APRIL 4:
--A MEETING WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT (OWEN AND VANCE) IN AFRICA IN MID-APRIL PRIOR TO THE CENCO MEETINGS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE UK WOULD CALL THE MEETING AND INVITE THE FRONT LINE TO SEND ITS FOREIGN MINISTERS AS PARTICIPANTS. (ALL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, AND SECRETARY VANCE AGREED, THAT THIS MEETING BE HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM SO THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE COULD EXERT HIS OWN INFLUENCE ON THE PATRIOTIC FRONT PARTICIPANTS);
--AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING, CHAIRED BY OWEN AND ATTENDED BY VANCE, WOULD BE CALLED TO TAKE PLACE IN A NEUTRAL LOCATION (MALTA OR MAURITIUS SO AS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR IAN SMITH TO ATTEND) IN EARLY MAY. IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT SUCH A MEETING MIGHT REQUIRE 4 OR 5 DAYS;
--THE TWO PROSPECTIVE MEETINGS WOULD BE LINKED AND ANNOUNCED TOGETHER;
--THE US AND UK REPRESENTATIVES IN CAPE TOWN WOULD URGENTLY APPROACH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND HAWKINS ON SUNDAY APRIL 2 IN ORDER TO INFORM THE SAG AND RHODESIANS OF THE PLANS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND TO SEEK SAG INTERVENTION WITH RHODESIAN

AUTHORITIES. TALKING POINTS FOR THIS APPROACH WILL BE
DISCUSSED WITH UK HIGH COMMISSIONER FALLE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 2;
--THE UK WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTACTING THE
RHODESIANS (PRESUMABLY VIA HAWKINS) AS WELL AS THE INTERNAL
NATIONALISTS;
--ASSUMING A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM DAVID OWEN, WE
FORESEE THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME ALLUSION TO US-USK-FRONT LINE
AGREEMENT ON AN APPROACH FOR THE TALKS ON RHODESIA PRIOR TO
PRESIDENT CARTER'S DEPARTURE FROM NIGERIA.
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